



Senate Bill No. 599

Public Act No. 06-147

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES,
ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR ANY
DRUG.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-227a of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both. A person commits the offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both if such person operates a motor vehicle [on a public highway of this state or on any road of a district organized under the provisions of chapter 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads and sidewalks, or on any private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance with the provisions of section 14-218a, or in any parking area for ten or more cars or on any school property] (1) while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both, or (2) while such person has an elevated blood alcohol content. For the purposes of this section, "elevated blood alcohol content" means a ratio of alcohol in the blood

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of such person that is eight-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, and "motor vehicle" includes a snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle, as those terms are defined in section 14-379.

Sec. 2. Section 14-386a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle in the following manner: (1) At an unreasonable or imprudent rate of speed for existing conditions; (2) in a negligent manner so as to endanger any person or property; or (3) while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, [as defined by] or both, as provided in subsection (a) of section 14-227a, as amended by this act. Any person who violates [any provision] the provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of this section, or any regulation relating [hereto] thereto, shall be fined not more than two hundred [and] fifty dollars for each offense. Any person who violates the provisions of subdivision (3) of this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in section 14-227a, as amended by this act. In addition thereto, the operator or owner, or both, of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle, shall be responsible and held accountable to the owner of any land where trees, shrubs, crops, fences or other property have been damaged as a result of travel of such snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles over such land, or where consequential damage has resulted from such travel. Proof of the registration number of the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle shall be prima facie evidence in any prosecution or action for damages that the owner was the operator.

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